

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 28, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1554

Introduced by Assembly Member Keene

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 42285.3 of the Education Code, relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1554, as amended, Keene. School finance: necessary small schools.

(1) Existing law provides that a unified school district that meets certain criteria is eligible to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a necessary small school and a necessary small high school, as specified. Existing law requires a school district that receives those apportionments to report to the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance by July 1, 2001, concerning the district's plan to address the district's need for additional funding when this provision is repealed.

This bill would ~~instead require each school district that receives those apportionments to report annually to the Department of Education and the Department of Finance~~ *delete that reporting requirement.*

(2) Under existing law, these provisions become inoperative on July 1, 2004, and are repealed as of January 1, 2005.

This bill would delete those inoperative and repeal dates, thereby extending the operation of those provisions indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42285.3 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 42285.3. ~~(a)~~Notwithstanding subdivision (b) of Section
4 42280 or any other provision of law, a unified school district that
5 is the only school district in a county, that has received more than
6 two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) in
7 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1992–93 school year and less
8 than one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) in
9 federal Forest Reserve funds in the 1996–97 school year, and that
10 has fewer than 4,501 units of average daily attendance in the
11 1997–98 school year or in subsequent school years shall be eligible
12 to receive apportionments pursuant to the schedules for a
13 “necessary small school” and a “necessary small high school,” as
14 set forth in this article, for up to the total number of schools in the
15 district that would have met the criteria for classification as a
16 necessary small school or a necessary small high school in the
17 1996–97 fiscal year, if the district had fewer than 2,501 units of
18 average daily attendance in the 1996–97 fiscal year, except that
19 this section does not apply in a school year in which an otherwise
20 eligible school district receives more than two million dollars
21 (\$2,000,000) in federal Forest Reserve funds.

22 ~~(b) A school district that receives apportionments pursuant to~~
23 ~~the schedules for a necessary small school and a necessary small~~
24 ~~high school pursuant to subdivision (a) shall report annually to the~~
25 ~~State Department of Education and the Department of Finance.~~

